

of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Ms. Lori Schwartz of Omaha, Nebraska.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years: Mrs. MARTHA ROBY of Montgomery, Alabama.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20944), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors: Mr. Elliot Berke of Arlington, Virginia.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2454. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 9965-31-OLEM) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2455. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2456. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0837); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2457. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions and Selection Criteria that Apply to Direct Grant Programs" (RIN1855-AA13) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2458. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Money Penalty Amounts; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2017-N-0011) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2459. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, De-

partment of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments; Extension of Compliance Date; Extension of Comment Period; Correction" (RIN0910-ZA48) (Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0172) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2460. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2461. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Labeling Rule" (RIN3084-AB15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii submitting an application to the United States Congress to restore free and fair elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

##### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, according to The Federalist No. 52 by James Madison, the framers of the Constitution of the United States intended that the Congress of the United States should be "dependent on the people alone"; and

Whereas, the "dependency on the people alone" has evolved into a dependency on powerful special interests that act through campaigns or third-party groups, thereby creating a fundamental imbalance in our representative democracy; and

Whereas, Americans across the political spectrum agree that elections in the United States should be free from the disproportional influence of special interests and fair enough that any citizen can be elected into office; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution requires Congress to convene a convention for proposing amendments to the federal Constitution on the application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii desires to restore balance and integrity to our elections by proposing a federal constitutional amendment to permanently protect free and fair elections in the United States by addressing issues raised by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), and related cases and events; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature desires that Hawaii have an equal number of delegates to the Convention as any other state; provided that former or current federal office holders, whether elected or appointed, are not eligible to serve as delegates to the Convention; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature shall retain the ability to restrict or expand the authority of its delegates within the limits expressed herein; and

Whereas, the Twenty-ninth Legislature intends that this continuing application shall be considered with the applications that have been adopted by the 2013-2014 Vermont Legislature, the 2013-2014 California Legislature, the Ninety-eighth Illinois General Assembly, the 2014-2015 New Jersey Legislature, and the 2015-2016 Rhode Island Legislature, as well as all applications that are subsequently adopted until two-thirds of the several states have applied for, and Congress has convened, a convention for proposing amendments to restore free and fair elections: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the people of the State of Hawaii speaking through its Legislature, hereby submit an application to the United States Congress to restore free and fair elections as described herein; and be it further

*Resolved*, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; Vice President of the United States, as presiding officer of the United States Senate; President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate; the Minority Leader of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; and Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

POM-80. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sunrise, Florida urging the United States Congress to oppose the proposed elimination of the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs and supporting full funding in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-81. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sunrise, Florida urging the United States Congress to enact legislation modernizing the immigration system during the 115th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 810. A bill to facilitate construction of a bridge on certain property in Christian County, Missouri, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-142).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 669. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-143).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 154. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to ensure small businesses affected by the onset of transmissible diseases are eligible for disaster relief.

S. 650. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to expand tax credit education and training for small businesses that engage in research and development, and for other purposes.

S. 690. A bill to extend the eligibility of re-designated areas as HUBZones from 3 years to 7 years.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 929. A bill to improve the HUBZone program.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1038. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the utilization of small businesses with respect to certain Federal contracts.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 1428. A bill to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1598. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROBERTS for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Brian D. Quintenz, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2020.

\*Dawn DeBerry Stump, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2022.

\*Rostin Behnam, of New Jersey, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring June 19, 2021.

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Mark D. Camerer, to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. DeWolfe H. Miller III, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. John D. Alexander, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. John C. Aquilino, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Robert P. Ashley, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Darrell J. Guthrie, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Brian E. Miller, to be Brigadier General.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Army nomination of Damian R. Tong, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Dennis Arroyo and ending with Brian P. Weber, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Murray E. Carlock and ending with Carlos V. Silva, which nominations were received by the Sen-

ate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Alon S. Aharon and ending with Edwin A. Wymer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Julia R. Plevnia and ending with Hal E. Vineyard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Tressa D. Cochran and ending with Karen F. Wiggins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Loren D. Adams and ending with Philip A. Wentz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Joanne E. Arsenault and ending with Felisha L. Rhodes, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Michael E. Alvis and ending with Jeffrey P. Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with John W. Aldridge and ending with Philip E. Zapanta, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Scott R. Cheever and ending with Diana E. Zschaschel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Edward J. Alexander and ending with Bridget C. Wolfe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Robin Crear and ending with Neil P. Woods, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Eric W. Bullock and ending with Crystal R. Romy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 27, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Betty S. Alexander and ending with James S. Zmijski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Dominic J. Antenucci and ending with Matthew J. Wooten, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Clemia Anderson and ending with Michael A. Zundel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Eric F. Bauman and ending with Evan R. Whitbeck, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Thomas B. Ableman and ending with Bruce A. Yee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Eric W. Hass and ending with Gail M. Mulleavy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Christopher L. Almond and ending with Daniel W.

Wall, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Robert E. Bradshaw and ending with Leroy C. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nominations beginning with Thomas E. Arnold and ending with Michael P. Yunker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 20, 2017.

Navy nomination of Clair E. Smith, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Morgan E. McClellan, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Andrew B. Bridgforth and ending with Ronald J. Mitchell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 25, 2017.

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2016.

\*Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

\*Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

\*Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

\*Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015.

\*Mark H. Buzby, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

\*Peter B. Davidson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

\*Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

\*Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2018.

\*Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2018.

\*Ronald L. Batory, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*James J. Sullivan, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2021.

\*Brett Giroir, of Texas, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

\*Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2023.

\*Elinore F. McCance-Katz, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Department of Health and Human Services.

\*Lance Allen Robertson, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

\*Jerome M. Adams, of Indiana, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.